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SUBJECT:ROMANIAN MEDIA REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S TRIP AND  
TO GRANTING OF MFN

1. ROMANIA LIBERA AND SCINTEIA BOTH CARRY TWO SHORT, NEARLY IDENTICAL STORIES IN THEIR JULY 29 EDITIONS, ONE ANNOUNCING THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FROM BONN AND THE OTHER HIS ARRIVAL IN WARSAW. THE FORMER STORY STATES THAT THE PRESIDENT AND GFR CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND PRESIDENT SCHEEL DISCUSSED MEASURES FOR "COMBATING INFLATIONARY AND RECESSIONIST PHENPMENON," BILATERAL MATTERS, INCLUDING EXPANDING ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN GFR AND THE U.S., AND THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. THE LATTER STORY STATES THAT THE PRESIDENT LDOND HIS PARTY WERE MET IN WARSAW BY FIRST SECRETARY CIEREK AND PRESIDENT JABLONSKI, AND THAT HIS VISIT IS OFFICIAL. BOTH STORIES HAVE NO EDITORIAL COMMENT WHATSOEVER,

2. FIRST COMMENT ON MFN APPROVAL IN CONGRESS APPEARS IN SCINTEIA AND ROMANIAN LIBERA, SIGNED BY THE TWO PAPERS' FOREIGN EDITORS ROMIBUS CAPLESCU AND  
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BELOW BRIEF NEWS STORIES ANNOUNCING DECISION,  
COMMENTARIES REFLECT GOR'S LINE THAT MFN STATUS FOR  
ROMANIA IS BOTH DESERVED AND ESSENTIAL TO NORMAL,  
EQUITABLE NONDISCRIMINARY ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THE TWO COUNTRIES. CAPLESCU'S IS THE LONGER-  
13 COLUMN INCHES- AND MORE UPBEAT OF THE TWO. HE SAYS  
MFN IS "AN IMPORTANT STEP" IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.  
AN ACT OF "POLITICAL REALISM" BY CONGRESS, IT "OPENS NEW  
PERSPECTIVES FOR THE INTENSIFICATION OF ECONOMIC LINKS,  
WITH POSITIVE INFLUENCES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL  
FRIENDLY ROMANIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS." "PUBLIC OPINION,  
IN OUR COUNTRY", CAPLESCU CONTINUES "EXPRESSES ITS  
CONVICTION THAT THE UPCOMING VISIT OF PRESIDENT FORD  
WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT STIMULATIVE ROLE IN THIS DIRECTION."  
BOTH ARTICLES IGNORE EMI-  
SEAGRANTION ISSUE. CAPLESCU PUTS  
MFN IN CONTEXT OF 1973 JOINT DECLARATION, NOTING  
PRINCIPLE ENJOINING INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
"FOR WHATEVER MOTIVE".  
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